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For: METHOD AND SENSOR DEVICE FOR MONITORING

A LASER MACHINING OPERATION TO BE PERFORMED ON A WORK PIECE AS WELL AS A

LASER MACHINING HEAD WITH A SENSOR

DEVICE OF THIS KIND

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